Mayor Byron Warren 604 1st Ave SE Gravette, AR 72736 June 10, 2011

Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The City of Gravette is committed to growing a sustainable lifestyle for its community. As the voice of our citizens, I am charged with promoting and initiating responsible, economical, and technological growth. That also includes taking on the challenges for the citizens of Gravette and the surrounding communities.

Northwest Arkansas has taken on many new challenges including connecting rural communities with stream line technologies. Other challenges are infrastructure, education, work force development, and all around community needs.

Compared to other states, Arkansas lags behind in high-speed internet availability and adoption. Even though most the citizens in the City of Gravette have broadband network, the availability in the rural communities around Gravette is slim. With about 50% or more of school work requiring internet access, it makes it difficult for rural-living students to keep up with growing need of internet-based technology. Despite the availability at our local library, there is still not a sufficient amount of computers to supply everyone's needs.

The announced merger between AT&T and T-Mobile would significantly increase the availability of mobile broadband services in Arkansas, specifically by allowing the merged company to utilize combined spectrum resources to deploy 4G LTE services to nearly every Arkansas citizen. This expansion of mobile high-speed services will not only provide new opportunities for students, but for businesses and job-seekers alike.

It is my whole-hearted opinion that this high-speed internet service must be realized for the future of our community. The merging of AT&T and T-Mobile will positively affect the way of life in rural towns across the great state of Arkansas.

I am looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Byron Warren

Mayor

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